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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

**TO: Persons Interested in the Skinner Landfill Superfund site**

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Attached is a fact sheet describing the results of U.S. EPA's first phase of investigation at the Skinner Landfill in West Chester, Ohio.

When the fact sheet was produced, we expected to begin field work for the second phase of the investigation in early April. However, when we went to the landfill to begin the work, we discovered that the site owners had piled 15-20 feet of fill, such as concrete and metal, on top of the investigation areas.

U.S. EPA is now taking steps to prevent the site owners from disturbing the investigation area further. This legal action is expected to take several months. (Just like anyone else, EPA must go through proper legal steps such as issuing an administrative order or gaining a court warrant to require private property owners to take, or not take, action on their property.) So we do not jeopardize our legal strategy, we cannot be specific at this time about what steps we will take. We will notify the people on our mailing list when we take action.

When we do start the second phase of work, we will have to make some adjustments due to the disruption of the investigation area. We need to take soil samples beneath the ground surface to determine what contaminants may have been in the buried lagoon (see the map in the fact sheet). We had intended to use drill rigs to make soil borings. Because the fill could damage drill rigs, we now plan to dig trenches with a different kind of heavy equipment. We believe this will result in our getting the same data. We will monitor the air throughout the digging, and we will fill up the trenches when we have finished sampling.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either of us at the phone numbers above or on our toll free line, 1-800-621-8431 (8:30-4:30 weekdays central time).